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Alumni News & Notes

Dr. Carolyn Louise Blair, former professor of English and academic vice president and dean at Maryville College, passed away Aug. 17. She was 85.

She joined the Maryville College faculty in 1948 as assistant professor of English after receiving her master's degree from the University of Tennessee, where she later earned a Ph.D.

She was promoted to associate professor in 1960, and two years later was made a full professor and secretary of the faculty. In 1972, she was appointed dean of the College. She was the first woman to hold that title at the College and the first woman academic dean among institutions in the Mid-Appalachian College Consortium.

In 1978, Blair returned to teaching and chaired the College's department of languages and literature, holding that post until her retirement in 1987.

Twice she was awarded the "Outstanding Teacher" honor. Later, she was presented the Maryville College Medallion.

In cooperation with three of Blair's former students, administrators at MC are in the process of establishing a scholarship in her memory. See story on page 8 for details.

COLLEGE CELEBRATES TWO LEADERSHIP GIFTS TO CIVIC ARTS CENTER

The campaign for the Civic Arts Center (CAC) received a huge boost recently with the announcement of two very generous leadership gifts.

On Oct. 25, Maryville College President Gerald Gibson announced to the College's Board of Directors that the Clayton Family Foundation and Clayton Homes, Inc. had combined efforts to commit \$5 million to the CAC project.

The Clayton gift is, to date, the largest pledge of private dollars to the facility.

"The Civic Arts Center will positively impact our community and region – schools, arts, culture and economic development," said Kevin Clayton, CEO of Clayton Homes, Inc. "We're proud to be a part of this project along with so many others who will help make this possible."

For several months, Clayton has been heading up the private fundraising efforts and working closely with the College and city officials.

"Since early on, the Claytons have understood the impact this project would have on our community, and now they are providing key support to make it happen," Gibson stated. "The College is immensely pleased that the Clayton Family Foundation and Clayton Homes have stepped up to this record level."

On Nov. 1, DENSO International America, Inc. and DENSO Manufacturing Tennessee, Inc. announced that they had partnered to award \$500,000 to the CAC. To be given in installments over five years, the DENSO gift to the facility represents the largest single donation by DENSO in the United States.

Gibson described the manufacturer, which is Blount County's largest employer, as "a wonderful corporate citizen."

"These gifts clearly show community support for the project and momentum in our fundraising," the MC president added.

The CAC, a \$47.3-million facility, was established as a partnership project between the cities of Maryville and Alcoa and Maryville College, and is receiving funding from all three sources, as well as state and federal governments.

Once completed, the center will consist of two structures: a main building that will house a 1,200-seat performance hall and a 200-seat flexible theatre; and an art and recital hall that will house a 250-seat recital hall and galleries to support the visual arts. The two buildings will be connected by an attractive and spacious outdoor arts plaza. The CAC is one of several capital campaign projects included in the College's "Our Window of Opportunity" campaign. To view progress on all funding priorities, visit maryvillecollege.edu/giving/ourwindow



DENSO executives, including DENSO Manufacturing Tennessee President Mack Hattori (center), present a check for the Civic Arts Center to Maryville College President Dr. Gerald Gibson, Clayton Homes CEO Kevin Clayton and other College representatives.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The College received information printed below between Feb. 11, 2007 and Aug. 31, 2007. Notes received after Aug. 31 should appear in the winter issue of FOCUS.

'29 MEMORIAM: Mary Swain Wood, May 16, in Dallas, Texas. Because of the Great Depression, Mary was forced to withdraw from Maryville before graduating. Returning home to Kentucky to work, she took correspondence and summer courses in elementary education before accepting a position as a read-

ing specialist with the American Book Company. Later, Scott-Foresman & Company hired her to take its "Dick and Jane" books into schools throughout the country. In 1958, she married Col. Alfred Wood, a regional Procter & Gamble executive, and made Dallas her permanent home. An active member of Highland Park Presbyterian

Church, she and her husband generously gave to numerous non-profits and programs, especially those that benefited children. On June 9, 2006, Maryville College awarded Mary an honorary bachelor's degree during a ceremony held at the Dallas Country Club. Survivors include sister Dorothy Swain Patterson.

'31 MEMORIAM: Grace Wallace Anthony, Jan. 14, in Maryville. One of the first public school kindergarten teachers in Blount County, she taught

Alcoa, Everett, Fort Craig and Bungalow elementary schools during her 45-year career. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Maryville for 86 years and was also an involved member of Delta Kappa Gamma teachers' sorority and the Chilhowee Club. Survivors include three daughters and their husbands, including Sue Anthony Dawson '69 and Joe Dawson '69; five grandchildren, including David Dawson '01; and two great-granddaughters.

COLLEGE BIDS FAREWELL TO FORMER ALUMNI CITATION WINNERS



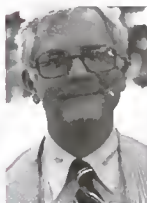
MARY SUE CARSON GOING '29, whose work in the federal government earned her an Alumni Citation in 1966, died June 24, 2006, in Johnson City, Tenn.

Following MC, Going taught in public and private schools. In 1939, she took a job as a civil service examiner, then, in 1952, accepted an appointment as a personnel management specialist for the U.S. Civil Service Commission.

The last years of her professional life were spent as a personnel management specialist for the Department of the Army and then as a special assistant to the director of personnel at the Smithsonian Institution.

While living in the Washington, D.C.-area, Going was an active member of the Congress Heights Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include one son.



OTTO PFLANZE '40, distinguished biographer of Otto von Bismarck, died March 3, at his home in Bloomington, Ind.

Following graduation from Maryville, Otto served with the Army Air Corps during World War II and earned master's and doctoral degrees in European history from Yale University. He was a professor of modern European history and 19th-century Germany at New York University, University of Minnesota, Indiana University and Bard College. From 1977 until 1986, he was editor of the *American Historical Review*.

Pflanze's three-volume *Bismarck and the Development of Germany* was published to wide acclaim. In 1990, the Association of American Publishers named his work "the most outstanding" in history, government and political science. In 1999, he was awarded the Einhard Foundation's Einhard

Prize for biography. Jurors of that prize wrote: "Pflanze has presented the most extensive work about Bismarck in decades; its second volume, dealing with Bismarck as chancellor, is even the most comprehensive work on the subject ever."

He was the recipient of numerous fellowships and awards, including the 1980 Maryville College Alumni Citation.

Survivors include wife Hertha, three children, two grandsons and sister **Eleanor Pflanze Graham '36**.



JOHN EDWARD TALMAGE '34, whose 40 years as a missionary in Korea were celebrated with a Maryville College Alumni Citation in 1978, died Feb. 24 in Black Mountain, N.C.

Born the son of Presbyterian missionaries serving in Korea, Talmage earned two degrees from Columbia (Ga.) Theological Seminary after graduating from MC. He served as an interim pastor in South Carolina and Mississippi during WWII and was one of the first missionaries to return to Korea after the war. While in Korea he not only led evangelistic work but also assisted in the financial affairs of missions.

He helped to establish Tacjon College (now Han Nam University) and served as its president for 11 years.

After retirement in 1977, he served as interim pastor at the John Sevier and Lebanon Presbyterian churches in Knoxville, and later at the Siloam and Old Fort Presbyterian Churches in Old Fort, N.C.

Survivors include wife Elizabeth; three sons and their spouses, including **John '61** and **Sylvia Smith Talmage '62** and **William Talmage '67**; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and four siblings, including **William Talmage '35** and **Roy Talmage '38**.

'34 MEMORIAM: Vivian Kelley Howell, May 10, in Sun City Center, Fla. She was a retired teacher from the Green Springs and Clyde schools, where she was the head of the English Department. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Clyde, Ohio, and St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Sun City Center. She was a member of OEANWOEA, OLLDKG, Kappa Delta Pi, the Sun City Women's Club, AAUW, and the Shrine Ladies. She is survived by husband and classmate George Howell, a daughter-in-law and granddaughter.

'35 R. "Pat" Perry Johnston now has one son in Alaska, one son in Thailand, one daughter in California and one daughter in Colorado. She has 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. From Basalt, Colo., she writes: "Aspen is beautiful, but I miss my Smokies!"

'36 MEMORIAMS: Lillian Kerr Beals, Dec. 25, 2006, in Knoxville, Tenn. She lived in Knoxville and worked in the banking industry before marrying and having a family. She was a member of Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church for 58 years. Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law; two sisters-in-law, including Helen Anderson Kerr '44; and several nieces and nephews.

■ **Estelle Greene Carhart**, Feb. 18, in Oak Ridge, Tenn. Her husband was an alumnus and Presbyterian minister, and she was a school teacher. A member of Norris Religious Fellowship, she enjoyed reading, knitting, and quilting during her lifetime. Survivors include her four daughters, one son and their families; four siblings; and several nieces and nephews. In memory of their loved one, the Carhart family requested that donations be made to the College.

'37 MEMORIAM: Marguerite Gray Badgett, July 11, in Maryville. She was well-known as an elementary teacher and

member of First United Methodist Church in Maryville. Survivors include four children and their families and brother-in-law John N. Badgett '40.

'38 Marian Lodwick Bauer is now living in the Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Community in Akron. She is 90 years old and still remains well and active. She chairs a Spiritual Life committee, plays the piano for the chapel, belongs to a book club and is active in her church. At age 91, **Paul Fox** continues to work with Longwood University Business School, which he helped found. A recent golf tournament raised funds for the school's Paul & Frances Fox Scholarship Fund, which now exceeds \$130,000.

'39 MEMORIAM: Arthur D. Byrne, June 26, in Maryville. After graduating from Maryville he went on to earn a J.D. degree from the University of Tennessee College of Law and practiced in Knoxville until his retirement in 1999. He was a long-time member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the American College of Trial Lawyers, the Federation of Insurance Counsel and the Tennessee Bar Association. He served as president of the Knoxville Bar Association from 1963 until 1964 and was presented the "Governor's Award" by the association in 1994. He served on the board of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra for several years and as president from 1974-1975. Survivors include wife Jean White Byrne '41 and two daughters.

'40 MEMORIAM: Mildred Lane Curtis, June 5, in Maryville. After graduation, she taught at Glendale School before her marriage. She was a long-time member of New Providence Presbyterian Church, where she served as a deacon, was an active member of the Presbyterian Women of the Congregation, and served faithfully in many other capacities. Survivors include one daughter and

son-in-law, one daughter-in-law, three grandchildren, two great-grandsons and three sisters, including Ruth Lane Prewett '42, and Betty Lane Huddleston '46.

'41 MEMORIAMS: Julius Nicely Jr., March 3, in Maryville. After serving in the U.S. Army in Europe with the 1922nd Ordinance Company, he returned to Blount County and worked for ALCOA for 40 years. He was a member of Maryville's First Baptist Church for 80 years. In 2004, he was inducted into the Blount County Wrestling Hall of Fame. Survivors include his wife; four children, one daughter-in-law and their families; five grandchildren; and one sister and brother-in-law.

■ **L. Berneice Tontz Smith**, June 9, 2006, in Maryland. She graduated from Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and spent

'42 A story printed in the Jan. 11 issue of the Bandon (Ore.) Western World announced the release of a digitally produced video featuring the vocals of **R. "Lin" Sutherlin Lepicier**. Entitled "Lin Lepicier Sings!," the DVD showcases the alumna's soprano range, which has led her to solo performances around the country, including one at Carnegie Hall. A proud **Peggy Caldwell Smith '45**, Lepicier's "Little Sister" from the 1941-1942 school year, sent the College the newspaper clipping and DVD. **Kathryn Estes Nix Anthony** wrote to notify the College that husband Sidney died of Alzheimer's disease on June 14. She is in good health and hopes to remain at home in Ripley, Tenn.

MEMORIAMS: Lawrence Robert Ketchum, Nov. 16, 2006, in Madison, Wis. Ketchum served three years in the Army

James Jarvis, former board member, dies

JAMES H. JARVIS, member of the Maryville College Board of Directors from 1985 until 1991, died June 6 at his home in Knoxville.

The son of alumnus **Howard F. Jarvis '32** and a 1960 graduate of the University of Tennessee School of Law, he was in private practice with his father from 1960 until 1972, when he was appointed judge of the Law and Equity Court for Blount County. Then he was elected judge of the 30th Judicial Circuit Court in Blount County, a position he held for 12 years. In 1984, he was appointed U.S. District Judge for the Eastern Division of Tennessee by President Ronald Reagan. He served as chief judge of that district from 1991 to 1998. He played a key role in the government's acquisition of the Whittle Communications building for use as a federal courthouse.

Survivors include wife Gail, five children, five grandchildren and one sister.

her professional life as a nurse. A veteran of World War II, she was interred at Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery with full military honors. Survivors include husband James Brookes, four children and their families, including daughter **Margaret Smith Heaphy '77**.

Air Transport Command. After WWII, he earned his bachelor's degree from UW-Madison and his optometry degree from the Chicago College of Optometry. He practiced optometry in Dodgeville, Wis., where he was also active in the Civil Air Patrol, Kiwanis, Plymouth

Congregational UCC, and was the first chapter president of Chapter 93 Experimental Aircraft Association. Survivors include wife **Olga Welch Ketchum '43**; five children, including Susan Ketchum '69; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one brother.

'43 Kathleen Sullivan Procop wrote to notify the College of husband Lewis' death after 56 years of marriage.

'44 As reported by husband Ralph in May: **Ann Horton Dorn** suffered a stroke and is partially paralyzed but is in therapy and will later be in home care to continue her therapy. A few days after celebrating his 87th birthday, **James Evans** was the grand marshal of the Wilmore (Ky.) Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11. He is a resident of the Thomson-Hood Veterans Center. Viola James "Wings" White is living up to her nickname, traveling "as much as the bank account will allow." Last fall, she was planning a trip to Chile and Easter Island for February 2007.

MEMORIAM: Dorothy Bailey Gowey, Oct. 28, 2006, in Seattle, Wash. Gowey worked as a chemist on the Manhattan Project in Oak Ridge, Tenn. After the war, she married and moved to Seattle. She was a member of the Lake Forest Park Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years. Survivors include husband Edward, six children, 13 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and two siblings, including **Jack Bailey '49**.

'45 MEMORIALS: Jeanne Voorhees Bellerjeau, Nov. 13, 2005, in Haddon Heights, N.J. Following MC, she received her master's degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. She worked as a missionary in Thailand for 40 years with the women of the Church of Christ of Thailand to help them to become leaders in their local and national areas. When she retired in 1988 and returned to the U.S., she

became an elder and a deacon of First Presbyterian Church in Haddon Heights. She also volunteered in the Presbytery Office, served on the national board of the Historical Society of the Presbyterian Church and was active in women's work at the Presbytery. Survivors include an adopted son and daughter, one sister, three nieces and six cousins.

■ **Robert Huber**, Nov. 25, 2006, in Lexington, Va. A journalist and author, he worked for numerous newspapers, including *The Washington Post*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and the *Pacific Stars and Stripes* in Tokyo, and authored three books on his family and American history. He was a proud descendent of the Mayflower pilgrims and served 14 years as editor-in-chief of the award-winning *The Howland Quarterly*, a publication of the Pilgrim John Howland Society. For his work on the publication, he received the George Washington Medal from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Robert was also tour director for the society, giving and planning six tours to Eng-

land and Europe. He belonged to several genealogical societies, including both the Virginia and District of Columbia Mayflower societies, serving as governor of the D.C. organization for three years. Survivors include wife Carolyn Ulrich Huber '47; four children, including Paul Huber '74; and five grandchildren.

■ **Mary Ella Roberts**, Dec. 22, 2006, in Maryville. Following her graduation from MC, she earned a master's degree from Nashville's Peabody College and taught elementary school for Blount County and Maryville City for 43 years. She was a member of Maryville's First Baptist Church and Sunday School Secretary for 59 years. Survivors include two siblings and their families, including sister Lois Roberts Berry '44.

'46 MEMORIAM: Thomas Henderson, Dec. 9, 2006, in Harrisonburg, Va. He served in World War II in the 49th Armored Infantry and was wounded in the Battle from the Rhur to the Rhine Rivers. A 1949 graduate of Union Theological Seminary, he served churches in Virginia,

North Carolina, West Virginia, Maryland and Kentucky before retiring in 1987. An active resident of Harrisonburg, he served as a volunteer chaplain at Rockingham Memorial Hospital and sang with the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society and Trinity Presbyterian Church Choir. Survivors include wife **Dorothy Buchanan Henderson '42**, three children and two grandchildren.

'48 Rella Anderson Carp, a charter member of the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Martin, Tenn., wrote "God's Promises," a musical composition performed Oct. 22, 2006, by the church's Chancel Choir in celebration of the congregation's 30th anniversary. "Psalms 121," another of her compositions, was performed as part of the anniversary service. In January, the department of music at the University of Tennessee at Martin presented a concert of music written by her husband, Gilbert Carp, composer emeritus of the university. **Richard Smilie** moved into a retirement home in Canton, Ohio, in March.

MEMORIAM: Constance Hawkins Moore, May 17, in Chicago, Ill. After graduating, she joined the staff at Chandler School of Theology at Emory University. Following her marriage, she served on the faculty of Lees-McRae College and then on the library staffs of the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and Cumberland (Ky.) College. After moving her family to Des Moines, Ill., she was awarded a fellowship to the graduate library program at the University of Chicago. In 1962 she accepted a position with the corporate library of United Airlines. Her pioneering work in computerization and data management led to her election to several state and national offices of the Special Library Association, of which she was a long-time member. Survivors include husband **John Moore '44**, three children, three grandchildren, one brother and one sister.



On the occasion of their 53rd wedding anniversary, **Richard '54 and Margaret M. "Peggy" Evans Abbott '54** renewed their vows outside the Little Chapel in Wilson Chapel. The

two married there on their graduation day – May 19, 1954. Joining the Abbotts, their four daughters and eight granddaughters for the renewal ceremony were **Lynn '56 and Patricia Halstead Sexton '54**. The Sextons were the Abbotts' attendants 53 years

ago. A story about the event, published by the *News Sentinel*, is posted on the MC web site. (Search on "Abbott.")



The Tennessee House of Representatives voted in August to name part of the U.S. 411 highway in Blount County for **Clifford H. "Bo" Henry '50**, who served as a state representative from 1975 until 1982.

'49 Margarette Andrews Law and husband Robert Law '50 recently moved from Sacramento to Gloucester, Va., to live near their daughter.

MEMORIAM: Leslie E. Webb, Jr., Jan. 2, in Lafayette, Ind. He was a captain in the Air Force during WWII and was an avid pilot. After MC, he earned master's degrees from Texas A&I and Austin Theological Seminary. While in seminary, he organized the "Gospel Airlift," in which he bought an old WWII bomber and flew fellow students on weekends to preach at East Texas and Louisiana churches without regular pastors. An ordained Presbyterian minister, he served churches in Louisiana and Texas before retiring to Florida. Survivors include wife Elaine, four children and their families.

'50 During "National Volunteer Week," **Charles E. Bacon** received special recognition from St. John's Hospital in Berryville, Ark., for volunteer work. He and 270 other individuals volunteered 374,455 hours of work. **Ruth Burkins** co-authored a book *Is Differentiation for Students Real?* **Mildred Leake Day** recently edited and translated the book *Latin Arthurian Literature*, published by Boydell and Brewer Ltd. **Ethel Nelson** continues to be active in Epworth United Methodist Church in San Antonio, Texas, and, for the past eight years, as a member of the Greater San Antonio Crime Prevention Commission. **Stuart Saul** just published the book *Clearings: Uncommon Words for Common Life; Reflections on*

the Old Testament from Joseph Parker's 'The People's Bible.'

MEMORIAMS: R. Benton "Benny" Baldwin, Dec. 13, 2006, in Alcoa, Tenn. He retired from the Aluminum Company of America after 24 years of service. He was a member of the Alcoa First United Methodist Church, New Providence Masonic Lodge, The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In 1995, he was inducted into the College's Sports Wall of Fame. Survivors include wife Joyce, three sons and their families.

■ **James Arthur Holloway**, Dec. 21, 2006, in Maryville. James was a member of Everett Hills Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Army. He was a retired superintendent of benefit plans at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and corporate manager of benefit plans and administration at Viskase Corporation in Chicago, Ill. Survivors include wife Mary Sue Holloway, three daughters, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

'51 Hazel Holm Schuller lives in Sanibel Island, Fla., and recently became a member of Friends In Service Here (FISH), a group of volunteers who assist the elderly and financially burdened on the island. Schuller joined after seeing FISH assist her mother, **Bernice Jones Holm '22**, who died in 1997. **William Willingham** and wife Joy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 22, 2006.

'52 As reported in an Associated Press story that ran in May,

Charlie Allen is looking for a home for "Tricentennial Beginnings," a reproduction of a 1780s flatboat that has been used to transport his Dream Houses to children all over Tennessee. Several historical sites are being explored in Nashville to preserve Allen's piece of history. **Bettie Carroll Elwood** is the CEO of the Little Children of the World Inc. She recently helped organize the McMinn County (Tenn.) Community Anti-Drug Coalition, which is a member of the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America. **MEMORIAMS: Carolyn M. "Lynn" Miller Berkey**, Feb. 8, in Davidson, N.C. Following graduation from MC, she spent four years in Egypt, teaching English in a girls' school. Later, she earned a master's degree from Hartford Seminary. Lynn spent most of her married and professional life in South Hadley, Mass., where she was active in church and community groups and served in various positions at Mount Holyoke College. She retired in 1988 as executive direc-

tor of Mount Holyoke's alumnae association. Survivors include sons Mark and Jonathan and their families. Jonathan emailed Lynn's classmates following her death. In that correspondence, he described her love for and commitment to Maryville College. "During the difficult years of my father's illness, her ties to her Maryville friends were perhaps the one thing that kept her going," he wrote. Jonathan cared for his father one week so that his mother could travel to MC to participate in Kin Takahashi Week. "I will never forget the look on her face when she walked through the door upon her return," he added. "She was a woman transformed, utterly rejuvenated by her experience." In memory of their loved one, the Berkey family requested that donations be made to the Class of 1952 Scholarship Fund at the College.

■ **Thomas Cramer**, Dec. 16, 2006. He was ordained an elder in the Holston Conference (Eastern Tennessee) of the Methodist

SPACE STILL AVAILABLE FOR TOUR OF SCOTLAND

ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS of Maryville College still have time to reserve seats for the trip to Scotland and the Presbyterian Heritage Tour, "The Lands of John Knox."

This tour will parallel the 2008 Choir Tour, and participants will be able to attend Concert Choir performances, as well as attractions in Scotland.

The tour includes admission to the Royal Yacht Britannia, Stirling Castle, Iona Abbey, Castle Urquhart, Leault Farm, Blair Castle, Edinburgh Castle and St. Andrews Castle and Cathedral. Also included is round-trip ferry transportation from Oban to the Isle of Iona and a cruise on Loch Ness.

More information is on the MC web site, maryvillecollege.edu/alumni/events.asp. Contact Helen Bruner at 865.981.8202 or helen.bruner@maryvillecollege.edu with questions.



Church and served in various local church pastorates from 1957 until 1967, when he was appointed assistant administrator of the Holston Conference Home for the Retired. In 1970, he earned a master's degree in gerontology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and went to work as executive director of Wesley Hall, a home for the indigent aged, in Cincinnati. Ten years later, he moved to Beverly, Ky., to be the business administrator of Red Bird Mission. In retirement, he lived in Plant City, Fla., and Atlanta. Survivors include four children and several grandchildren, including **Albert Thomas Cramer II '05**.

'54 MEMORIAM: **Johnie Griffiths Lunsford**, Nov. 25, 2006, in Tallassee, Tenn. She was a teacher for the Blount County School System and member of the Calderwood Baptist Church, where she served as church clerk, Sunday School teacher and Vacation Bible School director. Survivors include one son, one daughter-in-law, three grandsons and one sister. On the occasion of their 53rd wedding anniversary, **Richard and Margaret M. "Peggy" Evans Abbott** renewed their vows outside the Little Chapel in Wilson Chapel. The two married there on their graduation day – May 19, 1954. **Lynn '56** and **Patricia Halstead Sexton**, who were the Abbotts' attendants 53 years ago, returned for the renewal ceremony.



WALTER "JACK" WOODHULL '59

was awarded the Award of Merit from the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) on Nov. 3, 2006, at the association's annual convention and career tech expo in Atlanta. The award recognizes individuals or organizations outside the field of career and technical education for the highest meritorious contributions to the

improvement, promotion, development and progress of career and technical education. Jack lives in Springfield, Ill., and is the director of the Illinois Employer Advocacy Initiative.

'56 James Laster enjoyed a busy spring and summer. In March, he appeared as Poseidon in "Five Variations on the Art of Aphrodite," the prize-winning play in the high school division sponsored by the First Light Festival of George Mason University's Theatre of the First Amendment. In May, he conducted two anthems for the Alumni Choir's farewell concert in Wilson Chapel and also conducted the first performance of his "I Will Give Thanks" for choir, flute, organ and handbells at Front Royal (Va.) Presbyterian Church. The piece was commissioned in celebration of Beverly Clark's 26 years as an organist/choirmaster. In August, he played the part of Morrie in Wayside Theatre's production of "Tuesdays with Morrie." Also, Treble Clef Music Press has just announced that it will produce his "Hodie Christus natus est" for treble voices and organ. Laster wrote this piece in December of 2006 for the Christmas Eve service at Christ Episcopal Church in Winchester, Va.

'57 As of February 2007, **Natalie Richards Dragstedt** and husband Lester have 14 grandchildren. **Philip and Margaret Wilkinson Muir** are serving on their local church mission committee and both sing in a community chorale. Phil is a part-time chaplain in the local hospital and still volunteers to help missionaries build their supporting partner team. The Muirs

frequently host traveling missionaries in their lakeside home in southern Michigan.

'58 Anita Cole Ezelle, her two daughters and **Joann Antes Wyman '59** enjoyed traveling to Vienna, Salzburg, Melk on the Danube, Budapest, Prague and Berlin in September 2006. She writes that she was proud of nephew **Mark Cole '98** for his art exhibit, "Orbis Multimodis," which was shown at the 2006 Maryville College Homecoming. **Alan Whitelock** is recovering from multiple myeloma and other health conditions. His wife continues to fight Sjögrens Syndrome. They both continue to teach Bible studies in Texas and Colorado and Alan continues to work on his book, *Joseph's Journal*.

'59 Frances Matthews Donaldson and husband J.B. have moved to Champaign, Ill., to be with their younger son and new grandson. They love the area and new baby. In October 2006, **Mary Ann Murphey Tauber** wrote that she was enjoying learning discipleship with two women – one from her church and the other from Kenya. They used the "Destined" and "Life Builders" material from Campus Crusade. She also volunteers at a local hospital and enjoys going to her grandson's sports games. **MEMORIAM:** **Carol Ann West**, March 7, in Maryville. She was a teacher at Carter High School in Knox County before moving to Georgia to teach high-school English – a job she held for 32 years. A recipient of Georgia's Star Teacher Award, she established an introductory Spanish course for Whitfield County Schools. After retirement from school, she became part of the Liz Claiborne Company. She is survived by three brothers, including **John West '58** and **David West '62**. In memory of their loved one, the West family requested that donations be made to the College.

'60 MEMORIAMs:

D. Lawrence Gibbs, Jan. 27, in Cochranville, Pa. He taught Spanish and computer programming at Rising Sun High School, Fairfax County Schools in Virginia, and Unionville High School. Active in church and community, he was a member of Faggs Manor Presbyterian Church and served 12 years on the Octorara Board of School Directors, 12 years as Londonderry Township Supervisor and several years in church and the township's planning commission. His favorite hobbies were building computers and radios and operating his ham radio. Survivors include wife **Louva Ann Lawson Gibbs '61**, two children and their spouses; four grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters-in-law.

■ **Maryanne Braidwood Ward**, Sept. 11, 2006, in Tallahassee, Fla. Diagnosed several years ago with neurofibromatosis (NF), she did not let the disease prevent her from earning a master's degree from Stetson University or a doctorate from Florida State, nor from teaching in FSU's School of Education. Even though she was confined to a wheelchair for several years and in severe pain, she volunteered regularly at Tallahassee's AIDS hotline, taught mentally handicapped children in Florida's Brevard County and was a Florida deaf-blind consultant. She also counseled other sufferers of neurofibromatosis. Following Maryanne's death, MC classmates circulated a memorial to their friend, remembering her wit and creativity. In it, **Charlotte Cathey Stewart** wrote: "Today, Maryanne continues to live in our hearts and the hearts of all who knew her – and we thank God for the extraordinary gift of her presence not only among us at Maryville but also among her Tallahassee friends and the innumerable disabled people whom she helped."

'61 MEMORIAM: Nancy Seeger Chapman, May 3, in Pullman, Wash. She was a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley in the field of psychology. Before her retirement, she worked as a program assistant at Washington State University's Disability Student Services for several years. Survivors include husband Roger, three children and seven grandchildren.

'62 After 41 years of teaching chemistry at Pfeiffer University in North Carolina, **Donald Jackman** retired in May. **Evelyn Brackbill Jarrett** was proud to represent Maryville College and President Gerald Gibson in the academic procession at the inauguration of Anne Ponder as chancellor of the University of North Carolina-Asheville in September 2006. Evelyn's first grandchild was born in December.

'63 MEMORIAM: R. Dan Park, Feb. 1, in Houston, Texas. He earned his bachelor's degree from Cedarville College in Ohio and taught school for two years before beginning a career as a computer systems analyst. In retirement, he was an Internet radio deejay and registrar for the Parke Society, a genealogical research organization. Survivors include son Robert, two grandchildren and three sisters.

'64 Martha Hall Quigley is the director of the Bobby Davis Museum of Hazard, Ky. Her most recent publication, *Railroading Around Hazard and Perry County*, was released in July 2006. Accompanied by historical photos from the museum, her text tells the story of the area before the opening of the railroad. In October 2006, **Steve and Barbara Berg Rago** spent three weeks on a Mediterranean cruise with friends **Ed Ziegler '63** and wife Nancy.

'65 Bonnie Fraser is still teaching conflict management at Champlain (Vt.) College and

expected to publish a workbook in spring 2007 on nonviolent communication for college students. She is also a clerk at Burlington Friends Meeting.

'67 Paula Mariedaughter is preparing for a one-woman show of 54 of her quilts in January 2008 at the Arts Center of the Ozarks in Springdale, Arkansas. "Everyone welcome!" she wrote the College. **Joyce Pigge**, a political science professor at Bethany (Kan.) College for 37 years, was presented the 2007 Donna Meredith Humphreys Award for Teaching. According to a press release distributed by the college, "The award is given to the professor who exhibits excellence in teaching, success in exciting intellectual curiosity in students, fellow teachers and others, concern for students and concern for fostering leadership and responsible character." In July, she participated in "Pueblo Ingles" in Madrid and Cazorla, Spain. Later, she traveled to Perth, Scotland, and was able to attend the British Open at Carnoustie. **Don Story** and wife Carol received the "Pride of Tennessee" award for their dedication to the community and community service. The award was presented by Blount County Mayor Jerry Cunningham during the annual tree lighting of the Hometown Christmas celebration on Nov. 30, 2006. **Robert Young** is a teacher in the Berkeley Unified School District. He lives in Richmond, Calif. **MEMORIAM: Irvine D. "Bud" Prather**, April 15, in Fort Worth, Texas. Following graduation from MC, he served as a lieutenant and infantry platoon leader, 25th Infantry Division, in Vietnam. After returning from duty, he became a captain in the U.S. Army infantry active reserve. During his time as a physician, he practiced medicine in West Virginia before moving to Fort Worth. He built a nationally recognized family practice residency program at the UNT Health Science Center. He

established the Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment Center at OMCT before moving to Harris Hospital to become medical director at Harris Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine Center. Survivors include wife Jean, two children and one sister.

'68 In March, **Jayne Smith Carie** and husband Earl wrote the College to report the death of their son and only child, Todd, a commercial pilot who was caught in an unexpected storm.

years, I finally found the right woman for me. We are building a house here [in Centerville, La.] and will finally retire."

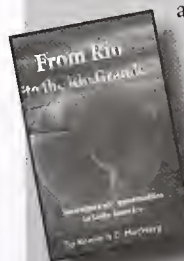
'69 Brian Childs was named a professor in the graduate faculty of the University of Maryland University College in addition to being director of ethics and organizational development at Shore Health Systems, University of Maryland Medical System. **Don Elia**, head wrestling coach at Carson-Newman College,

KENNETH MACHARG '65 has authored his seventh book, *From Rio to the Rio Grande, Challenges and Opportunities in Latin America*, which can now be ordered online at atlasbooks.com.

MacHarg, who has lived in Panama, Ecuador and Costa Rica and has set foot in almost every Latin American country, has written hundreds of articles about the region for newspapers and magazines. Before retiring to Carrollton, Ga., he was professor of mass media and communication at the Evangelical University of the Americas in San José, Costa Rica. Wife **Polly Ballantine MacHarg '65** established the ESL program at the university, which is now the largest at the university.

A summary of the book printed by its publisher reads: "Political instability, leftist governments, environmental problems, poverty, corruption and open borders that allow drugs, terrorists and millions of immigrants into the United States are challenges from our nearest neighbor, Latin America. Events south of our border are affecting us daily and changing our society, yet, to our peril, we ignore this region at our doorstep. Now, Kenneth D. MacHarg writes in an easy-to-read, journalistic style about Latin America, its people, issues and opportunities. And, he helps us to understand the unique characteristics Latin American immigrants bring that are changing our culture."

Said Mr. Clyde Taylor, a former U.S. Ambassador to Paraguay: "This book offers both to the Latinfile and Latin novice an excellent sweep of key topical issues. MacHarg's lively writing benefits from a lifetime of living among and appreciating our Latin neighbors."



down Report, W.I.N. magazine and Amateur Wrestling News. With 447 wins and counting, he moved to No. 9 on the "all-time" list and to No. 3 spot among active coaches. Don wrote the College: "I have truly been blessed! God put me in touch with Coach J.D. Davis many years ago, and he changed my life. I know Coach still walks at my side today." **Richard Karns** is now a member at large of the Scioto Valley (Ohio) Presbytery.

MARRIAGE: **Hugh Livingston** to Deborah Franzus, April 7.

'70 Harry Burnette was one of eight attorneys named Fellows of the Chattanooga Bar Association. Election is based on career in the law and contributions to the community. **Sharon Sergeant Cox** and her family live in Lawton, Okla. She tutors in Spanish and teaches Sunday School. Husband Steve works as supervisor for the Red Cross Call Center at Ft. Sill. They have a daughter in college and one who's working fulltime. **Kathleen Saint Curlee** retired from her

job as an assistant administrator for child welfare for the state of Oregon on Jan. 31, 2006. She welcomed her first grandson on March 25, 2007. **Eileen Myers Zimmerman** and husband Mike continue to work part-time for AYUSA Global Youth Exchange and are hosting a young lady from Brazil this year. Eileen continues to teach and work as the regional director for AYUSA from Marion County, Fla., through the Tampa Bay area. She wrote the College: "I would love to hear from MC friends!"

'71 Lynda Luck Stansbury has been newly appointed at the University of California- Riverside as director of development for the university's college of humanities, arts and social sciences. **MEMORIALS:** **Thomas Faux, Jr.**, March 29, in Newark, Del. He took his degree in physics and worked for Worthy Bros. Pipeline Construction, later known as Worthy Construction Company for 35 years as a field supervisor. He was a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include wife Emma, four children, seven grandchildren, his parents, and two sisters.

■ **Daniel L. Rhone**, June 7, in New Jersey, following a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. Daniel had retired from teaching on Dec. 22, 2006. He had been a church choir director for more than 25 years. Survivors include wife **Diane Caruso Rhone '73**, two children and their families, and his parents.

'72 Jean Fiedler Buckley continues to teach preschool in the Long Branch (N.J.) public school system. She is the teacher of a bilingual class and is working on her master's in early childhood at Kean University. **Ed Bush** is currently working in the pharmaceutical clinical trial industry and manages laboratory testing in Europe, South Africa and South America. He and wife Myrna Tener Bush live in Bristol, Tenn. **Paul E. Grice** works for the National GEO Spatial-Intelligence Agency at McDill AFB and has completed two deployments to Iraq in the past two

years. **Nena Bowen Ickes** is a product lead in the Health Information Systems division of 3M in Silver Spring, Md. She serves as president of the Olney Chapter Friends of the Library and sings in the church choir.

MEMORIAM: **John Powell**, June 12, in San Antonio, Texas. Following MC, he received master's degrees in journalism, history and library information science. He was manager of the Forest Hills Library and a longtime librarian for the Boerne (Texas) Public Library. At the time of his death, he had almost completed a doctoral program in library information science. His obituary read, in part: "John had a profound appreciation for both the arts and science and will be remembered for his love of learning." Survivors include wife Elzbieta Izbicka and their two children; two siblings; and parents Leon and **Ruby Jean Harris Powell '51**.

'74 After serving eight years as the general sessions judge for Cumberland (Tenn.) County,

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO FUND BLAIR AWARD

THREE MEMBERS OF THE MC CLASS OF 1955 have launched a campaign to raise \$50,000 to create an endowed fund to memorialize Dr. Carolyn L. Blair, who passed away Aug. 17. (See front page for obituary.)

Blair served Maryville for nearly 40 years as an English professor, dean, academic vice president and department chair.

The three classmates and former students of Blair, **Sarah Pledger Fechter '55** of Trussville, Ala., **Abby Crosby McKean '55** of Columbus, Ohio, and **Joe Gilliland '55** of Asheville, N.C., envision the income from the fund creating an annual scholarship for junior or senior English majors. Working with the College's development office, they are also consulting with **Arthur Bushing '43**, retired professor of English and long-time colleague of Blair.

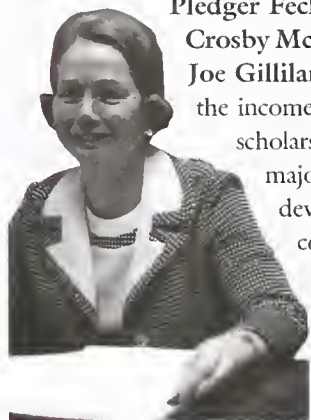
Creation of the Blair Award will assist the College's current

"Our Window of Opportunity" campaign, which, among other initiatives, seeks to boost the MC endowment by \$20 million. It also is one of two ways that alumni can specifically honor Blair. (Details of a fundraising initiative to honor several "Legends of Anderson Hall" will be forthcoming.)

"Dr. Carolyn Blair meant so much to hundreds of Maryvillians as a teacher, mentor and friend," Fechter, McKean and Gilliland said in a joint statement. "Although not a graduate of Maryville College herself, she served our alma mater selflessly and conscientiously, and endeared herself to several generations of students. We hope many of those will join us in this effort to create a living memorial in her honor."

Pledges and gifts to the Blair Award are being sought during the current fiscal year, which will end May 31, 2008. Pledges may be paid over a three-year period.

For more information, contact Holly Jackson Ludlow, assistant vice president for development, at 865.273.8884 or holly.ludlow@maryvillecollege.edu.



Steven Douglas has joined the Plateau Group, Inc., an insurance holding company, as general counsel. Government Technology magazine recently named **Doug Robinson**, executive director of the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) among its listing of "25 Top Doers, Dreamers and Drivers of 2006." Doug, who lives in Lexington, Ky., was recognized for his "efforts in identifying health IT as an issue of great significance for states, and for advancing the role of the state CIO as a key component of enterprise architecture planning in the health IT arena," according to a NASCIO press release. **Judson Stone** serves as assistant chaplain to the Lamar High School football team and spoke at the Texas Christian University FCA huddle in Fort Worth, Texas. Son Nathaniel has been deployed to Iraq with the U.S. Army. **Sean Sullivan** resigned his tenured associate professorship at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy to accept a position with Vical, Inc., a genetic company in La Jolla, Calif. In February, he wrote that he and his family were in the process of moving to San Diego.

'75 Lorraine Wood is newly single. With adult children "on their own," she recently moved into a new condo in Clayton, Ohio. **Steven Yuhasz** recently directed the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "The King and I," at the Ogunquit Playhouse in Ogunquit, Me. The cast included Lorenzo Lamas, Rachel deBenedet and Paolo Montalban.

MEMORIAM: Jack Boone, March 18, Augusta, Ga. Following his graduation from MC, he earned his law degree from the Woodrow Wilson College of Law in Atlanta. He served as an assistant district attorney for the Augusta Judicial Circuit and later opened his own private practice, where he worked for more than 20 years before joining the circuit's Public Defenders Office. He was a member of Covenant

Presbyterian Church and the Savannah Riverfront Men's Club. Survivors include wife Julie and their two sons.

'76 Amy Wynn Lancaster-Brown is in her 30th year of practice as a psychologist in Paducah, Ky. **Sheryl Lay Cowan** is an assistant director in the University of Miami's (Fla.) Division of Continuing and International Education.

'77 Last November, **Vicki Parsons Duling** was named the Assistant Principal of the Year by the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals. In January 2007, she became the principal of Franklin Sherman Elementary School in McLean. Husband Tom continues to work with Harris Corporation as a systems engineer. **Veronica Torrey Sawdon Kosky** recently accepted a position as instructor of English at the Department of Defense Language Institute at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, where "opportunities exist for challenging teaching and overseas travel," she wrote the College. **Nancy Lynn Shamblin West** and husband Michael celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in September. Their oldest son is a freshman at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and their other son is in the 8th grade.

'78 Julie Clements Chapman recently opened a "BounceU" franchise in Greensboro, N.C. An indoor party place, BounceU is popular among children because of its giant interactive inflatable equipment and arcade games. In May, **Gary Elrod** emailed the College to report that he was on his second deployment in Iraq with the 1175th Transportation Company, Tennessee Army National Guard. "Looks like I will miss another class reunion this year," he added. He would love to receive email from friends at oldmanelrod@yahoo.com. **Bonnie Holsinger O'Donnell** recently became

program director for an intensive in-home mental health program for adolescents and their families. She has a daughter who is in graduate school, one who recently earned her undergraduate degree, and another who is in high school. Following the release of "You Come Walking In," her third CD of original songs, she hosted both song-writing projects and folk concerts in her area.

'79 Alfonso Granata is an industrial engineer at PeGran, S.A. in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

'80 Betty Julian and husband **Kevin Julian '81** live and work in New Jersey but enjoy vacationing in Naples, Fla., in their condo on the Gulf of Mexico. Son Daniel enrolled at the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts.

'82 PowerBites: 30 Ways to Reclaim and Sustain Your Personal Power, an interactive workbook written by **M. Cathy Angell**, recently went on sale. The workbook "leads the reader through a straightforward and empowering process of identifying power-leaks, choosing attainable goals and creating simple action steps," according to its publisher. For more info, visit cathyangell.com. Angell is the award-winning author of *My Spirit Flies: Portraits and Prose of Women in Their Power*. **George Cassutto** has earned a master's of education degree from George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis on educational technology. He continues to teach civics in Hamilton, Va., and lives in Knoxville, Md. Following the death of her father in 2005, **Page Harris** became the primary caretaker of her frail mother. She, her mother and family live in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. "I would appreciate hearing from any fellow Maryville alumni who are experiencing the same issues," she wrote the College in January.

'83 Faith Thompson McClure and her husband recently moved to Steamboat Springs, Colo., a skiing community, for a change to a small-town life.

MEMORIAM: Wayne Thomas Foster, April 8, 2006, in Knoxville. He served in the U.S. Navy and was aboard the USS Redfin Submarine. He was retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 37 years. Active in church and community, he was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church and past president of the South Knoxville Optimist Club. Survivors include wife Cloa, two children and their families.

'84 In April, **David Raulerson**, **Ben Hornsby '85**, **Steve Sipple '85** and **John Taylor '92** met in Little Rock, Ark., for their annual charity marathon run. "All participants beat their previous Little Rock time and enjoyed a few days of sharing their Maryville



David Paschal (center) is now a member of Maryville College's Class of 2011 and the third person in his family to make the MC campus his home. His grandmother is **Kathy Kerns Vousden '56** (left); his mother is **Andrea Vousden Paschal '84** (right). A story about David's decision to enroll, which includes a listing of other legacies in the freshman class, is posted on maryvillecollege.edu. (Search on "Paschal.")

memories," David wrote. "Next year's event and location is already being discussed...."

'86 Rick Carver was promoted to associate athletic director at Bethany College in West Virginia in August 2006. He is still the head baseball coach and associate professor of physical education and sport studies. In January, **Stacey Davis Nordquist** was among three Maryville attorneys selected as finalists to fill the Fifth Circuit Judgeship in the Blount County Circuit Court.

'87 Chin Whan Cho is a network specialist at Grossmont College in El Cajon, Calif. **John Heidelberg** and **Karla Beard Heidelberg** are now on the faculty of the biology department at the University of

Southern California. He maintains an active lab that studies marine microbes using emerging technologies in environmental genomics. Her research area is in marine environmental genomics. The family lives and works at the Wrigley Marine Science Center on Catalina Island.

'88 Marjorie Day Richardson has opened a retail bakery in Seymour, Tenn. She also writes that daughter **Amy Richardson '04** recently returned home from teaching English in South Korea for a year.

'89 Kirk Burdick is a successful artist/illustrator and teacher to rural kids in Coastal, Ga. He and his wife write that they "love the beach life and wish everyone well." **Christian Kaijser** has transitioned out of his role as

a partner in VACO and is currently pursuing his passion to develop and operate companies in such roles as CEO/COO, VP of operations, trouble shooter and start-up expert. After working in Sweden from 1994 until 2003, he is now working in Glendale, Ariz. **Jennifer Worth Spirko** accepted a position as the thesis/dissertation consultant at the University of Tennessee's Graduate School. **Wendi Jo Medlin Usselton** is working as the director of Hospice and Palliative Care Center in Stokes County, N.C. She is also working on her master's degree in nursing. Her oldest daughter is in high school and her other daughter is in the 4th grade. "Please send good vibes my way in hopes that I will one day get to use the bathroom mirror in peace again," she wrote.

'90 Peggy Lynn Kilgore was tenured at Tennessee Tech University June 29. She teaches in the English department. **BIRTH: Victoria Conwell Lane** and husband Keith Lane '93, a daughter, Lakes Meriwether, March 14, 2006.

'91 Betty Jo Dailey Ashworth accepted a position as education quality coordinator in Blount Memorial Hospital's Surgical Services. Husband Charles is the clinical director of radiology for the East Tennessee Medical Group. **Peggy Bratt** was honored with the Tennessee Athletic Trainers Society's 2007 Sandy Sandlin High School Athletic Trainer of the Year Award. She is the director of outreach services at Appalachian Therapy Center in Maryville and serves as the athletic trainer for every sport

COLLEGE ANNOUNCES NAME CHANGE FOR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

SINCE ITS FOUNDING 188 YEARS AGO, Maryville College has needed gifts to support its day-to-day, operational expenses, but today, alumni will no longer receive solicitations asking for support of the "Annual Fund."

Instead, those direct-mail pieces and phonathon callers will be talking up the "Maryville Fund." By renaming the Annual Fund this summer, administrators hope that people will more easily understand – and then support – the cause.

"Any institution can have an annual fund, but only Maryville College can have 'The Maryville Fund,'" explained Jason McNeal, vice president for advancement and community relations at the College. "With this name change, we hope to remind people that with their giving, they're helping others have a transformational, high-quality and very unique educational experience – a Maryville experience."

The backbone of fundraising at the liberal arts college, the Maryville Fund supports institutional scholarships, the Scots Club athletics program, academic programs, academic-related equipment and library operations, among other necessities.

"We have many big campaigns underway, such as fundrais-

ing for the civic arts center, but the Maryville Fund represents that ongoing support for our College," McNeal said. "Supporting the Maryville Fund touches every student, every day and helps the College pay its operational expenses so that MC can sustain its academic excellence and strengthen its position in higher education."

During the 2006-2007, the College raised over \$1.6 million for the Annual Fund. Through the Annual Fund, earnings from endowments and other outside revenue sources, the College

awarded \$14 million in scholarships.

"Tuition, fees, room and board paid by students cover roughly half of what it really costs to educate a Maryville College student," said Eric Bellah, director of the Maryville Fund. "The Maryville Fund will continue to play a vital role in making the Maryville experience accessible to deserving students."

For more information or to make a gift to the Maryville Fund, contact Bellah at 865.981.8225 or eric.bellah@maryvillecollege.edu. Donations can also be made online. Visit maryvillecollege.edu/giving/maryville-fund.asp and click the "Make Your Gift Online" button.

Maryville Fund

“... Alumni gifts make a difference”

An interview with Don Hickman, Alumni Association President



This fall, when **DONALD HICKMAN '70** pulled his chair up to the table of the Board of Directors, it felt somewhat familiar.

Hickman, who joined the Board by virtue of his position as president of the Maryville College National

Alumni Association, was first a member of the College's governing body from 1970 until 1973. Back then, Board members were elected by the Synod of the Mid-South of the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and both Hickman and **PENNY PROFFITT PIPER '69** were chosen to serve three-year terms.

The selections were good ones. With the Board appointments, Hickman and Piper, who both had been active and engaged students, became active and engaged alumni.

In an August 1970 Maryville College Bulletin introducing the new board members, Hickman is quoted: “My concerns for the future of higher education at Maryville College are genuine. I feel that higher education must be free to search for truth and once that truth is found, be free to live that truism. To reason, to discover, to experience and to develop assumptions based upon that experience have to be considered the goals of higher education.”

Answering questions earlier this fall posed by the editor of *Alumni News & Notes*, Hickman again stressed his interest in the future of Maryville College, the importance of the type of education Maryville provides and the need for alumni to become engaged in the life of the College and to support their alma mater.

The Maryville College Alumni Board, which Hickman heads, has annually committed itself to helping the College reach its goals for the Maryville Fund. (See adjacent story.) For FY 08, these Fund goals include 40 percent alumni participation and \$1.75 million from all sources.

Here, Hickman shares his view of philanthropy as it relates to Maryville College:



A photo of Hickman and Piper ran on the front page of the August 1970 Bulletin.

AN&N: Why do you annually support MC?

HICKMAN: I support the Maryville Fund each year for a few basic reasons. Since my graduation, I have seen the College grow in terms of quality and quantity. It has developed a national reputation as a top liberal arts college. That's been validated by *U.S. News and World Reports* magazine. Most important to me, the College remains loyal to its primary mission – educating young people while becoming a distinctive, values-based college. As an alumnus, I want to support this continuing growth.

AN&N: Why do you think alumni participation is important?

HICKMAN: For years, the Annual Fund (now the Maryville Fund) has been an important part of providing an excellent education for students. Tuition and fees can't cover the full cost of the Maryville experience. The Fund dollars create opportunities for learning and growth that otherwise might not exist.

AN&N: What would you say to alumni to encourage them to give?

HICKMAN: Financial support for the Maryville Fund demonstrates a depth and breadth of confidence in the College by those of us closest to it. Frankly, our alumni must demonstrate continued support for the Fund if we want outside constituents to step forward with their resources. Our alumni gifts make a difference. Every gift helps the College improve its service to students. Every gift helps to maintain the College's strength and viability. More than anything, our contributions demonstrate how caring we are as alumni.

AN&N: Over the years, you have directed some of your giving to the Maryville Fund by designating support to the SCOTS Club. Can you say more about designated gifts?

HICKMAN: Alumni may opt to designate their gifts to specific program areas such as intercollegiate sports, academic programs, the library, faculty/staff salaries and scholarships. These designated gifts, which are all under the Maryville Fund umbrella, help to strengthen programs and facilities and make the MC experience unique for students. Of course, unrestricted donations are also essential for enabling the College to meet the daily expenses of maintaining a quality educational environment. Goals for the Fund (\$10 million over six years) are included in the College's "Our Window of Opportunity" capital campaign, so donors to the Fund are also participating in the current campaign.

COLLEGE MOURNS LOSS OF TWO FROM FACULTY, STAFF RANKS



KATHRYN MARTIN, who taught Spanish and French at Maryville College from 1950 until 1986, passed away May 3 in Maryville.

She earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Vanderbilt University in 1941 and 1943, respectively.

During her teaching years, she traveled extensively throughout Europe and Latin

America, and was a member of various professional language teaching organizations.

Survivors include one nephew, two great nieces and one great nephew. In memory of their loved one, the Martin family requested that donations be made to the College.



MARY E. "BETSY" HUNT, an administrative assistant for the College's health and physical education department from 1980 until 1994, died Feb. 11 in Knoxville.

Recognized during Commencement exercises in 1987 with the Nancy B. Hunter Outstanding Staff Award, she was described as a "general factotum" in her department.

"When information needs to be passed up or down the line, when a record needs to be found or a schedule filled in, when there's something to see about for equipment or maintenance – and frequently when there's a letter to be typed, this staffer is cheerfully getting the job done," the president read during the award presentation.

Survivors include children **J. Andrew Hunt '92** and **Mary Beth Hunt Warwick '93**, their spouses and children; and two brothers.

at Alcoa High School. **Mark Smelser** is in his sixth year as owner/operator of Pal's #17 in Kingsport, Tenn. He spends time raising three children and running marathons.

'92 For the last three years, **Sandra Brennan** has been the manager of "Letters," a gift shop on the edge of the University of Alabama's campus in Tuscaloosa. An active member of First Christian Church in Tuscaloosa, she serves as president of the women's fellowship, chairperson of the worship committee, member

of the chancel choir, director of children's fellowship and choirs and "Chief Hotdog Griller" before UA football games. "If anyone is in T-town on a game day, park in the church lot and join us for lunch!" she wrote.

Melissa Pankake joined the news service department at Vanderbilt University.

BIRTHS: **James Sparks** and wife Terra, a daughter, Oakley Carolyn, March 3, 2006. **Charlie Wiggins** and wife Tracy, twins, son Brock Jackson and daughter Bailey Isabelle, April 24.

'93 **Amy Bontager** is self-employed as a massage therapist in Plantation, Fla. **Helen Scott** is a Programmer Analyst at the Paradies Shops.

BIRTHS: **Scott Porter** and wife Ashley, twin daughters, Kara and Macy, Aug. 17, 2005. (Macy and Kara, from China, were adopted by the couple in September 2006.) **Paula Eaker Priddy** and husband James, a boy, Jared, Oct. 10, 2006.

MEMORIAM: **Romulus Linney Meares III**, June 14, in Maryville. Survivors include three children, his father and "ibu" Rom and Tutik Meares, three siblings and grandmother.

'94 **Ayesha Dastgir** is living in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and working as a programme communication and information officer for Oxfam GB. **Jeff Huffman** works as a graphic designer at WaMu (Washington Mutual Bank). He and his family have been living near Seattle for 11 years.

Jennifer McCafferty-Cepero lost her husband, Enrique Cepero, to a three-year battle with cancer on November 4, 2006.

Last year, **Howard Myrick** was presented the U.S. Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

MARRIAGE: **Tami Rowland Khashman** to Donald Yager, June 9.

BIRTHS: **Mike and Suzanne Long Averill**, a son, Silas James, Dec. 14, 2006. **Chad Brown** and wife Cynthia, a daughter Chloe Renee, May 29. **Jennifer McCafferty-Cepero** and late husband Enrique, twin daughters, Ana Laura and Katerina Mari, Nov. 15, 2006. **Karen Beaty Eldridge** and husband Mark, a son, Andrew Blake, Jan. 5. **Jeff Huffman** and wife Wakaba, a son, Leo Jake, July 21, 2006.

'95 **Shedrick McCall** is now program director for Associated Behavioral Outcomes and Developmental Experts of Virginia (VABODE).

'96 **Todd Anderson** was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Seoul in August 2007.

Darren Dykes is living in Columbia, Tenn., and working as a pharmacist with Walgreens. **Kelly Garrison Nash** began her position as a school counselor with the Knox County (Tenn.) School System in August 2006.

MARRIAGES: **James Lee Carpenter, Jr.** to Jessica Sostheim, April 29, 2006. **Julie Nachman** to Joel G. Adelman, April 10, 2006.

BIRTH: **Todd Anderson** and wife Lucia, a son, Andrew MacKinlay, Jan. 10.

'97 **Kyle Duke** started a new job with the Insight Healthcare Financial, Inc., a startup company in Nashville, TN.

BIRTHS: **Wendy Sisk Ball** and husband Eric, a son, Ryan, Nov. 23, 2006. **Steven Huskins** and wife Laura, a daughter, Hailey Rose, March 30. **Adam Ray** and wife Kerry O'Keefe Ray, a daughter Camryn Lynn, Aug. 7, 2006. **David Wagner** and wife, Amanda, a son, Zachary David, March 28.

'98 **Wes Farragut**, vice president of Citizens National Bank in Sevierville, Tenn., has been elected vice president of the Young Bankers Division of the Tennessee Bankers Association. **Joshua Goocey** graduated from Wake Forest University Divinity School and has been called to serve as senior minister at First Christian Church of Wilson, N.C. He previously served as the minister of Salem Fork Christian Church in Dobson, N.C. **Clay Stalcup** completed his master's degree in public health in the summer of 2007. **Chucky Yates** is the store manager at Walgreens in Knoxville.

BIRTHS: **Rebecca Kiefer Seabaugh** and husband Chad, a son, Tyler, Feb. 4. **Amy Jones Thomas** and husband Timothy, a son, Patrick Reid, February 15. **Nicholas White** and wife Lora, a son, Nolan Michael, June 9, 2006.

MARRIAGE: D. Lee Simmons and Brandi Jones, June 16.

'99 In July, **Rebecca Bowman Johnson** wrote to say that she was working for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Blount County but would soon begin training for D & S Residential Services, an assisted living facility that caters to the mentally and physically challenged. **Heather Menefee Seibel** is owner and operator of Smearer's Cakes in Leesburg, Va. Her business web site is smeatherscakes.com.

BIRTHS: **Amanda McAllister Dietz** and husband Stephen, a son, Blanton Lee, April 4. **Rebecca Bowman Johnson** and husband Joe, a son, Kevin Duane, March 28. **Rebecca Greaser Kerr** and husband Tommy, a daughter, Kaylee Ann, May 8.

'00 **Kathy Brown** lives in Cropwell, Ala., and teaches ninth grade world history at Munford High School. She also coaches volleyball and softball. **David Conner** was recently named vice president of Foothills Bank & Trust in Maryville. He was previously a loan officer and assistant vice president at BB&T. **Adriel McCord** was promoted to Blount

County president and client advisor for SunTrust Bank in April. Employed by SunTrust in its Maryville and Knoxville markets for seven years, he is also a registered representative of SunTrust Investment Services, Inc.

Joette Russell Tanner earned a doctorate in chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May 2006. Last fall, she took a position as a fulltime faculty member at Alamance Community College in Graham, N.C. **Maxim Williams** completed Ph.D. work and became a doctoral candidate in 2005. In March, he wrote that he was completing his dissertation, which focuses on racial identity and its relationship to management coaching. He works as a consultant and executive coach in Southern California; his largest client is the San Diego Airport.

MARRIAGE: Tyrel Justin "T.J." Emory to Amanda Lee Farr, April 14.

BIRTHS: **Whitney Black Dee** and husband Jonathan, a daughter, Kaitlyn Elizabeth, Aug. 1, 2006. **Parri Sikes Thurman** and husband Todd, a daughter, Karena Pearson, Feb. 9.

'01 **Amye Cole** lives at Lake Tahoe, Calif., and enjoys back-

country skiing and rock climbing on the granite of Donner Summit. For the past four years, she has traveled internationally, recruiting for the Squaw Valley Boarding School for grades 6-12. She was expecting to complete her MBA in May 2007. **Valerie Malyvanh Jansen** is living in Chicago with her family and is attending the University of Chicago working towards her MD/PhD degree. "Alums in the area, please contact me!" she wrote. In February, **Robert Krysinsky** wrote that he was stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga. A linguist, he currently holds the rank of sergeant. **Stanley Sisk** graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry in May 2006. He opened a new dental practice, Oral Care Partners, in Alcoa. **MARRIAGES:** **Branham Lovin-good** to Kenzie Robinson, June 9. **Michael Tiller** to Jama McClanahan '03, May 27.

BIRTH: **Ron Hees** and wife Kristin, a daughter, Olivia Grace, May 5, 2006.

'02 **Courtney Alexander** was named Teacher of the Year at Northwest Middle School in Knoxville. She teaches a special program to help students who are underachieving perform at

higher levels. **Suzanne Benton** received her medical degree from East Tennessee State University's James H. Quillen College of Medicine in May 2007. She is currently completing her residency training in psychiatry in Johnson City, Tenn. **Leslie Darnell** graduated with Pro Bono Honors from Florida Coastal School of Law. She's now living in Tennessee and studying for the bar exam. **Maggie Daum** is living in Birmingham, Ala., and has been employed with Ameriprise for three years, acting as an advisor coach and personal financial advisor. She recently obtained the CRPC professional designation, Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor. **Brenda Gadd** is now a research analyst for the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee for the Tennessee General Assembly. **Reba Hensley** celebrated the birth of her second grandchild in September 2006. **Jason Khodadad** achieved the Six Sigma Masters Certification from Villanova University and is now the president of Kaizon Initiatives and Investment Strategies, LLC, in Madison, Wis. **Josh Kinnetz** is teaching modern world history and African-American studies at Watkins Mill High

CAPUTO, THIRD-GENERATION MC ALUMNA, NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



KATHERINE BEST CAPUTO '01 was named assistant director of development at Maryville College this summer. Caputo, who joined the Advancement Office on June 18, is responsible for the planning and implementation of events, programs and fundraising initiatives specifically targeted for young alumni.

After graduating from MC, Caputo enrolled at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, earning a master's degree in college student personnel in 2003. While at UT-K, she worked as a graduate assistant in new student orientation and held intern-

ships in student activities and alumni and development affairs.

In 2004-2005, she was a sales representative for R&B Sales, earning the North Florida and Southeast Representative of the Month awards. Most recently, she was a sales and marketing assistant for Blackstone Country Club in Peoria, Ariz.

Caputo is a third-generation Maryville College alumna. Her parents, Ed '68 and Caroline Munn Best '72, graduated from the College, as well as her grandparents Ed '36 and Lynn Ann Brown Best '36 and Sarah Enloe Munn '47. Caputo's sister and brother-in-law, Sarah Best Campbell '99 and Joel Campbell '99, are also alumni.

"Katherine brings enthusiasm to this position and, as an alumna of the College, she fundamentally understands the Maryville experience. We are excited about having her help us advance our College with young alumni."

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School in Gaithersburg, Md. He is also the coach of the varsity girls' soccer team and indoor track team. In February, he wrote that he expected to complete his master's degree in education during summer 2007. **Kendra Stinnett Pesterfield** earned a master's degree in instructional leadership from Tennessee Tech University in August 2006. **David Ruble** moved back to Virginia and is getting settled with Roanoke Parks and Recreation and Grandin Gardens Institute. **Anna Scofield** is attending Southwest Acupuncture College in Boulder, Colo. **Alyssa Taylor Sharp** is in her fifth year teaching at Central High School and is the advisor for the yearbook and the Anchor Club, an organization focused on volunteer work.

MARRIAGES: **Alyssa Taylor** to **Philip Sharp**, June 1, 2006. **Sarah Stutzman** to **Justin C. Ray**, Nov. 18, 2006.

BIRTHS: **Jesse A Friedrich** and wife, **Stasi**, a daughter, **Kaitlyn L'anee**, Jan. 2, 2007. **Leslie Whitworth Jenkins** and husband **Bill**, a daughter, **Anna Kate**, Oct. 10, 2006. **Jason Khodadad** and wife **Anne**, a son, **Wilson Daniel**, April 11. **Ryan Newhouse** and wife **Jessica**, a daughter, **Emmy Inge**, July 8. **Kendra Stinnett Pesterfield** and husband **Josh**, a son, **Sawyer Cale**, Sept. 23, 2006. **Rhonda Thames Smithson** and husband **Jake**, a daughter, **Hannah**, March 30.

'03 **Rebecca Evans-Dennison** passed the Minnesota Bar in 2006. She is currently working as a judicial law clerk. **Steven Dunn** was awarded the Outstanding Teacher of American History for Blount County 2006-2007 by the Mary Blount Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. He teaches world history, psychology, sociology,

philosophy and reading and is also the head baseball coach at Alcoa High School. **Katherine Frazor** is the store manager of Toys R Us in Jacksonville, N.C. This summer, **Wesley Lombardo** was featured as an "Educator of the Week" on Knoxville's WBIR Channel 10. **Jen Rock** wrote the College recently: "I have pursued no further academic education after graduation. Instead, I found that there are plenty of things to learn and experience for free, and nothing has to be turned in on time." She currently resides in Knoxville, works two jobs and is in a psychedelic-folk band with two other MC graduates. In May, **Molly Tveite** earned her medical degree from the University of Louisville School of Medicine. She is working as an internal medicine resident at UT Chattanooga at Erlanger Hospital.

BIRTHS: **Wesley Andrew Lombardo** and wife **Jodie**, a son, **William Myers**, April 12, 2006.

Gisele Campos Santos and husband **Adelmo**, a son, **Leonardo Davi**, Jan. 27.

'04 **Rachel Gossage Deml** began her master's degree in nursing for nurse practitioners at Austin Peay State University. **Eric Everett** is now a financial analyst for ALCOA. **Bethany Horvath** has been promoted to marketing editor for the Fillauer Companies, Inc. She oversees the marketing materials for the five subsidiaries under the Fillauer Companies, including Fillauer LLC in Chattanooga, Motion Control in Salt Lake City, Hosmer Dorrance Corporation and Center for Orthotics Design, both in Campbell, Calif.; and Centri in Sweden. All companies specialize in a field of orthotics and/or prosthetics. "I love working for companies that are making a difference in the world," she wrote. **Sara O'Neal** graduated from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville with a master's degree in computer science and has taken a job as a software engineer/data architect with Cadre5 in Knoxville.

Nick Osburn is now working in secondary marketing for Franklin American Mortgage in Franklin, Tenn. **Brandi Hill Smith** is a co-manager with the Kroger Company. **Abby Guider Thomas** was selected as recipient of Loudon County's (Tenn.) "New Teacher of the Year" award. This is awarded to outstanding teachers during the first three years of their profession.

BIRTHS: **Mary Sutton Boswell** and husband **Travis**, a son, **James Travis Boswell**, April 12. **Jason Bryan** and **Jenny Manners Bryan**, a son, **Jack Allen Bryan**, April 4.

'05 **Brianna Merrill Cook** is living in Maryville and working at Peninsula Village. **Lauren Ferguson** is an accounting associate for General Motors based in Knoxville. She is also doing motivational speaking to local high school juniors and seniors about the importance of having a college education and plans to try out for the CBS reality show "Big Brother." **Sonja Hanchar** is a graduate student in psychology at Portland State University in Oregon. **Lindsey Laughner** transferred from Stetson University College of Law to the University of Tennessee College of Law. In April, **Kimberly Millard** graduated from Florida State University with a master's degree in financial mathematics. **Arlo Nugent** is teaching English in South Korea. **Keith Shope** is working toward his MBA from the University of Tennessee, concentrating in logistics and operations management. In April, **Beth Davis Smith** received the "Teacher of the Year" award from the University of Tennessee Mathematics Department. The award is given to a K-12 mathematics teacher in recognition of excellent teaching, professional growth and service to the teaching profession. She currently teaches mathematics at Scott High School in Huntsville, Tenn. **Emily Snow-Carter** is an office manager for Market Street Solutions in Chattanooga.

YOUNG ALUMNI HAVE NEW ADVISORY COUNCIL, WEB PAGES

In five months on the job, **KATHERINE BEST CAPUTO '01** has been busy with young alumni initiatives. (See story about new assistant director of development, previous page.)

In July, Caputo announced the organization of the College's Young Alumni Advisory Council. Representing alumni who have graduated within the last 10 years, the advisory council will, according to Caputo, "serve as leaders to help MC best serve the young alumni population effectively and purposefully."

MEMBERS INCLUDE: **Jason Thompson '97**, **Jason Brooks '97**, **Adam Ray '97**, **Tyler Bauer '98**, **Ashley Dicus '99**, **Brian Gossett '00**, **Lindsay Whitehurst '01**, **Branham Lovingood '01**, **Joseph Ballard '01**, **Bethany Brown '03**, **Rachael Garza '03**, **Will Lehman '03**, **Hope Whitehead '03**, **Christie Latimer Knapper '04**, **Gary Drinner '04**, **Amanda Winn Painter '04**, **Arielle von Boettinger '05** and **Tia Xixis '05**.

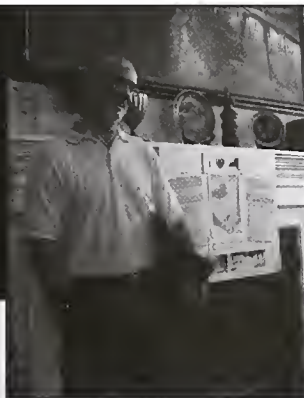
New web pages dedicated to young alumni news and programming are now on the College's web site, maryvillecollege.edu/alumni/young-alumni. In addition to contact information for Caputo, the site includes details about upcoming young alumni events, features on young alumni, tips for how to be an involved young alumnus/a and a link to the MC young alumni group on facebook.

MARRIAGES: Scarlet Bell to Joshua McKeel, March 17. **Tessie Harrell** to Adam Henderson, Oct. 20, 2006. **Kimberly McDonough** to James Todd, Jan. 27. **Brianna Merrill** to Andrew Cook, March 24. **Emily Snow** to Jeffrey Carter II, June 4, 2005. **Greg Stanley** to Katie Fondell, April 28. **Jennifer Taylor** to Jared Reagan, May 5.

'06 Adam Carringer is employed at the Olin Corporation as an environmental specialist. He lives in Riceville, Tenn. **Jeffrey Gotcher** is a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith Inc., in Knoxville. **Jimmy Makuach** works as a senior programmes coordinator for Sudan Protection Aid (SUPRAID), based in Nairobi. **Heather Prater Brummett** recently became assistant paralegal for the law offices of Mayer & Newton in Knoxville. **Eric Weatherbee** is a tax accountant for Covenant Health in Knoxville. **MARRIAGES:** David Houbre to Heather Whisman, Oct. 14, 2006. **Heather Prater** to Timmy Brummett, Oct. 21, 2006.

'07 Lindsay Moffett was crowned Miss Knoxville in June of 2007. Twins **Justin** and **Matthew Price** were hired at Anderson County (Tenn.) High School to be the offensive and defensive football coordinators, respectively. **MC**

Franklin Departs For New Position In New York



At a reception held July 31 in the Bradford Sitting Room of Bartlett Hall, a teary **Kelly Franklin** said farewell to a teary group of colleagues, college administrators, former students and community members that packed the room and spilled out into the hallway.

Franklin, who had been director of the College's Center for English Language Learning (CELL) and director of international services since 1986, accepted a position as director of the Haggerty English Language Program at State University of New York at New Paltz earlier this year. "Maryville was a different place," Franklin said, remembering his first day on the job. "... It's changed a lot, but what hasn't changed is the spirit of the people here."

The outgoing employee acknowledged **Art '43** and **Dotty Barber Bushing '42** in attendance and said he remembered getting a note in his campus mailbox during those first days from Art, who was a member of the faculty then. The Bushings offered he and Kumiko a place to stay. The young couple took them up on the offer and lived

in their home for two years.

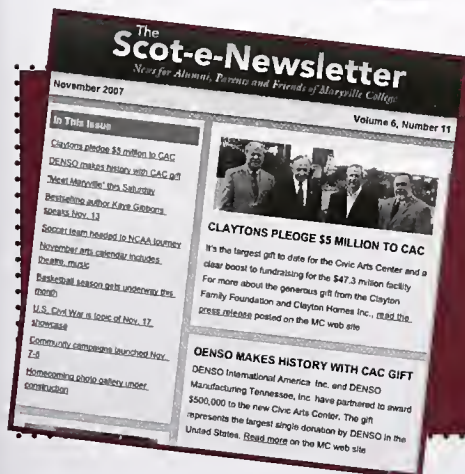
"That was my first impression of Maryville," Franklin said. "Friendliness."

Colleagues speaking at the reception praised Franklin's guidance of CELL (long considered one of the best in the United States), his expertise in international student recruitment, his passion and care for students and his

contributions to professional organizations such as NAFSA: Association of International Educators and American Association of Intensive English Programs (AAIEP).

"His service has been transformational for the College," said Dr. Robert Naylor, vice president and dean. Joe Swann, former mayor of Maryville, thanked Franklin and Kumiko for their role in attracting foreign companies to Blount County.

Johnni Freer, executive assistant in the dean's office and former New York resident, presented Franklin with some college apparel, a snow shovel and box of tea bags, which she advised him to hold on to if he liked sweet iced tea.



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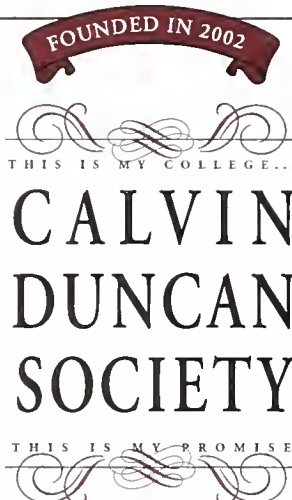
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This simple yet powerful phrase is the underlying message of the Calvin Duncan Society. Created in 2002, the Calvin Duncan Society gives alumni the opportunity to make a life-long promise to stay connected to the College through giving a gift of any amount each year. Through this promise, alumni take part in giving back every year with the intent of sharing the College's success and greatness throughout the years of their life.

Calvin Duncan was one of only four Maryville College graduates in the first post-bellum class of 1871. Upon coming to Maryville College, he was told by his classmates he was too young to be in College. However, Calvin Duncan replied by exclaiming, "I came here to stay. This is my school." He went on to become a Director at the College, a Presbyterian minister, the Synodical Superintendent for Tennessee, and the oldest living alumnus. The devotion Calvin Duncan had to Maryville College is what powers the Calvin Duncan Society to be a unique and influential group of alumni.



Today, the Calvin Duncan Society has over 800 members from a wide-range of class years. Membership is open to all alumni who desire a life-time connection with Maryville College through giving. When alumni join the Society, they also become eligible for exclusive Promise Awards, which are given every five years their promise is kept.

This year Promise Awards are being given to those alumni who have fulfilled their commitment of giving for the past five consecutive years.

If you would like to join the Calvin Duncan Society, please contact Katherine Best Caputo '01 at katherine.caputo@maryvillcollege.edu or 865.981.8201.

"I feel like my contribution to MC is significant not only in financially supporting the College, but in renewing my commitment to my alma mater. It is my wish... that MC continue to flourish so others can have the kinds of great experiences I had."

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